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15 Additional Cases Reported Today

Fifteen new cases of COVID-19 were reported today. One previously reported case was found to be from another county, so a total of 3,067 Humboldt County residents have tested positive for the virus.

State Updates Youth and Adult Recreational Sports Guidance

The California Department of Public Health today released updated guidelines on youth and adult recreational sports, which would allow community and school-based sports to resume with COVID-19 safety measures and testing protocols in place and if a county's case rate is below 14 per 100,000 residents.

The state guidance outlines general requirements for all sports and further classifies individual sports based on their risk of COVID-19 transmission and level of contact. That classification determines which additional measures, such as frequency of testing, will be required.

Changes to the youth and adult sports guidance will take effect next Friday, Feb. 26. The Humboldt County Joint Information Center will release additional information early next week.

JIC Responds to More than 30,000 Inquiries

Since the first local case of COVID-19 was reported nearly one year ago, the Humboldt County Joint Information Center (JIC) has responded to more than 30,200 calls and emails. Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services Director Ryan Derby said diverting non-emergency calls from 911 and other dispatch systems helps preserve those systems for life-threatening emergencies.

"Responding to live calls and providing incident-related information has enabled our public safety agencies to focus on immediate life-safety concerns, calls for service and public safety coordination throughout the pandemic," Derby said. "I'm extremely thankful to both our residents and our JIC staff for utilizing and providing this service to keep our dispatch lines clear for their intended purpose."

JIC staff are available at 707-441-5000 to answer COVID-related questions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov). Local information is available at [humboldt.gov](https://www.humboldt.gov) or during business hours by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: [humboldt.gov/vaccineinfo](https://www.humboldt.gov/vaccineinfo)

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: [humboldt.gov/dashboard](https://www.humboldt.gov/dashboard)

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